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to the city's rap roots

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April Fools'

Nabbing may have been prank

A law enforcement source confirmed the NYPD suspects a reported abduction in Washington Heights on Friday was a "prank." Police received a call from a man claiming to be one of the individuals involved in the kidnapping. Cops say he told them there was no kidnapping; they were playing a practical joke for a friend's birthday. The woman in the video was the friend's girlfriend, cops said. No charges have been pressed.

Jay Shells hangs one of his "Rap Quotes" signs. / ANIMALNEWYORK.COM

NYC's rap legacy, block by block

Culture. Jay Shells is setting out to denote landmark references in classic NYC rap songs.

New York City is the center of the rap universe. Jay-Z, Nas, Run DMC, Notorious BIG, the Beastie Boys and many more all hail from the Big Apple, so it's not surprising that the streets of the city come alive in their music.

Street artist Jay Shells is plotting the exact locations mentioned in those songs in his latest project, entitled "Rap Quotes."

Shells came up with a list of hip-hop song lyrics that mention specific places in New York City. He created signs with the lyrics and placed them in the exact locations mentioned.

A graphic designer by profession, Shells created 30 signs on his own dime.

"Doing this was my way of contributing to the culture that I love so much," he said.

Many signs, including quotes from the likes of Mos Def, GZA and Kanye West, have disappeared.

"I knew people were going to steal them," Shells said. "Hopefully this is just a blueprint for something more permanent."

The next time, Shells plans to place the signs in harder-to-reach spots in hopes they won't be stolen again.

You can reach out to him with your suggestions on Twitter at @TheRapQuotes.

Hip-hop fan

"I've been listening to this music my whole life. I'm a visual artist, not a musician, so this is my contribution." Jay Shells

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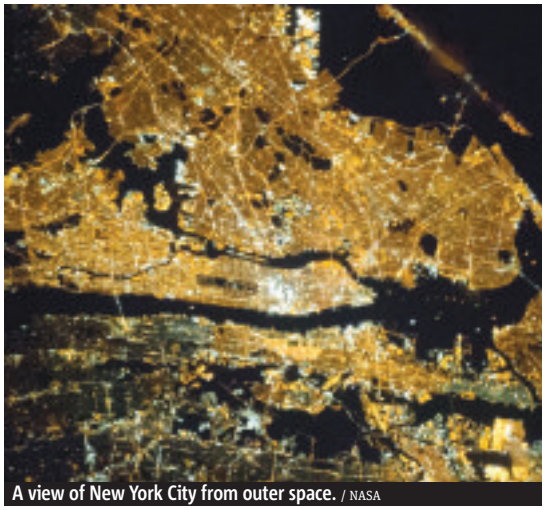

A view of New York City from outer space. / NASA

Outer Space. Space station astronaut captures NYC at night

NASA released an amazing image of New York City that its astronauts captured from outer space.

According to the space agency, a member of Expedition 35 aboard the International Space Station took this photograph of the city's metropolitan area March 23. The space station orbits the Earth, and the crew member was able to capture the 400-millimeter image at night.

The photo from the space station shows Manhattan glowing nearly completely amber, ringed by New Jersey, Brooklyn and Queens.

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Bronx Zoo

'Pattycake' dies at 40

Pattycake, the first gorilla born in New York City, died at 40 years old at the Bronx Zoo on Sunday, the Wildlife Conservation Society announced.

She was suffering from chronic cardiac problems, according to the announcement.

Pattycake was born on Sept. 3, 1972, at the Central Park Zoo, according to The Associated Press.

She lived there with her parents Kongo and Lulu before moving to the Bronx Zoo in 1983.

LAURA SHIN

House fire

Eleven injured in Queens fire

Eleven people were injured, four of them critically, when a fire tore through a two-family house in Queens early Monday morning.

Those who were critically hurt include a 3-year-old, a 14-year-old and two parents, ABC News reports. They were trapped in their bedrooms and were rescued by firefighters through windows. Most injuries are smoke-related.

LAURA SHIN

Investigation

Driver shot in face, dies after car crash

Police are investigating after a man driving a minivan was shot in the face in Queens early Monday morning.

Cops responded to a 911 call of a vehicle crash at approximately 12:47 a.m. They discovered Carlos Nunez, 37, driving near Irving Avenue after he struck five cars.

It was determined that he had a gunshot wound to his face, cops said. He was pronounced dead on arrival.

DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

Cardinal Dolan: Church should welcome gays

Equality. He said the church needs to do better at reaching out to the gay community.

New York's Cardinal Timothy Dolan said this weekend that the Catholic Church should be more welcoming of gays.

Dolan appeared on ABC's "This Week" as well as "Face the Nation" on CBS, speaking about the church's outreach to gays and lesbians.

He maintained the definition of marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

But on "This Week" he told George Stephanopoulos, "We've got to do better to see that our defense of marriage is not reduced to an attack on gay people."

Cardinal Timothy Dolan
MIKE SEGAR, GETTY IMAGES

He added, "We haven't been too good at that."

On Sunday, Dolan oversaw Easter mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Midtown, where he said the church was undergoing "renewal, repair, resurrection."

Dolan was recently in Rome to help choose the new pope. After Pope Francis was appointed, he said the selection "marks a great milestone in our church."

In 2011, Dolan pushed against New York legislators' decision to legalize gay marriage.

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Wild horses stampede into Grand Central

A performer dons a horse costume as part of artist Nick Cave's Heard of Horses installation March 30 in Grand Central Terminal. / MIKE COPPOLA, GETTY IMAGES

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Whole Foods plans rooftop hothouse

The Gowanus Whole Foods will install a greenhouse on top of the store. The company announced Gotham Greens will run the greenhouse, which will be the nation's first commercial-scale greenhouse farm within a grocery store. **ALISON BOWEN**

Traffic safety

City speed cameras may be on the way

Jeffrey Klein, a Bronx Democrat, will pick up the speed camera bill, according to the Daily News, and hopes to pass it by June. The bill would install 20 speed cameras in school zones. **ALISON BOWEN**

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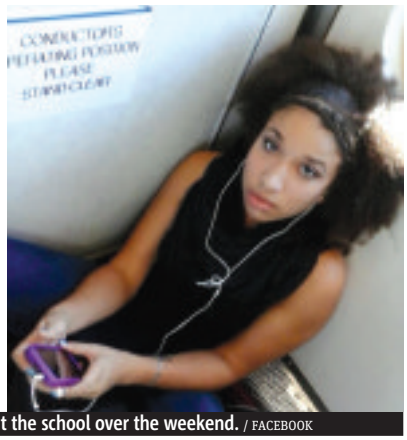

Jessica Fingers, a Columbia University student, died at the school over the weekend. / FACEBOOK

Background

Jessica Fingers grew up in Monticello, N.Y.

- She won many competitions as a runner in high school.
- She received a scholarship to Columbia University based on academics.
- Her father said she wanted to be a chef.

Overdose suspected in Columbia death

School tragedy. Fingers, 21, was found dead on Sunday morning.

Police have identified the young woman found dead in a Columbia dorm room Sunday morning as Jessica Fingers, a Columbia student and star athlete.

Fingers was on medical leave from school but planning to return in the fall, according to her father, Robert Bellamy.

"She was a vibrant, happy person," Bellamy said. "She was the type of person that you'd want to be around."

The medical examiner reported that Fingers had brain swelling consistent with a Methadone overdose, and mixing alcohol with Xanax. The ME did not find physical trauma or signs of foul play, and authorities believe that pending a toxicology report, the death will be ruled an overdose.

"She just made a mistake, and it killed her," Bellamy said.

"We all make poor choices in our lives, but most of the time we don't die from them."

Bellamy said his daughter had moved back to the city three months ago to work in a restaurant. He said she wanted to be a chef.

"She was almost a professional," Bellamy recounted.

Her father also expressed pride in Fingers academically, saying she was "brilliant and focused."

"She was just an incredible daughter," he added.

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South Korean K-1 tanks move over a temporary bridge during a river-crossing military drill in Hwacheon near the border with North Korea yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

S. Korea vows fast response to N. Korea

Crisis. Tensions ratcheted higher on the peninsula amid rhetoric from Pyongyang and the US fighter planes.

North Korea says the region is on the brink of a nuclear war in the wake of United Nations sanctions imposed for its February nuclear test and a series of joint U.S. and South Korean military drills that have included a rare U.S. show of aerial power.

The North, whose economy is smaller than it was 20 years ago, appeared to move yesterday to addressing its pressing need for investment by appointing a reformer to the country's ceremonial prime minister's job, although the move mostly cemented a power grab by the ruling Kim clan.

North Korea had said on Saturday it was entering a "state of war" with South Korea in response to what it termed the "hostile" military drills being staged in the South. But there have been no signs of unusual activity in the North's military to suggest an imminent aggression, a South Korean defense ministry official said last week.

"If there is any provocation against South Korea and its people, there should be a strong response in initial combat without any political considerations," President Park Geun-hye told the defense minister and senior officials at a meeting yesterday. **REUTERS**

Aiming high

Octogenarian Japanese climber aims for Everest

An 80-year-old Japanese mountain climber who has had heart surgery four times is heading to Mount Everest to try for a third ascent of the world's highest peak and will become the oldest person to reach the top if he succeeds.

Yuichiro Miura climbed to the summit of the 29,035-foot mountain in 2003 and 2008.

He skied down Everest from an altitude of 26,246 feet in 1970. **REUTERS**

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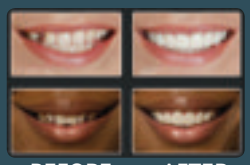

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Orbitz settles dispute with American

Agreement. They have been in a dispute over travel distribution costs.

American Airlines and online travel agency Orbitz Worldwide Inc., which have been locked in a years-long dispute over travel distribution costs and methods, yesterday said they have reached an agreement resolving the litigation between them.

The companies declined to comment on details of the settlement, which must be reviewed and approved by the U.S. bankruptcy court presiding over American parent AMR Corporation's Chapter 11 case.

American had sued Orbitz in April 2011, saying the online agency and airfare data provider Travelport, which owns a 48 percent share in Orbitz, made American's fares appear higher than they were.

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American Airlines and Orbitz have reached an agreement resolving the litigation between them. / GETTY IMAGES

Ticket cost

Supreme Court will not hear airline appeal over ad rule

The U.S. Supreme Court yesterday declined to weigh a federal government rule that requires airlines to advertise the full cost of tickets.

Allegiant Travel, Southwest Airlines and Spirit Airlines had all challenged the Department of Transportation's regulation, which prohibits airlines from leaving taxes and government fees out of their advertised rates.

REUTERS

Parental control. New Apps monitor kids' Internet use

With smartphone and tablet users getting younger, new apps can help parents monitor and control their children's use of the Internet.

A Pew Research Center study shows that more than one-third of American teenagers own a smartphone, up from more than a fifth in 2011.

For nearly half of these users, the phone is their main way of getting online, making it difficult for parents to supervise their behavior.

"When you have a smartphone, you basically have the Internet in your pocket wherever you are — away from your parents' eyes," said Anooj Shah, a partner in the Toronto-based company Kytephone, which develops apps.

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New smartphone apps
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Shooting. Prosecutors seek death penalty for James Holmes

Prosecutors in Colorado will seek the death penalty for accused movie theater gunman James Holmes in the 2012 slaying of 12 people during a showing of the Batman film "The Dark Knight Rises," the lead prosecutor said in court yesterday

Holmes, a 25-year-old former graduate student of neuroscience, is accused of opening fire inside a suburban Denver multiplex during a midnight screening of the movie last July in a rampage that ranked as one of the deadliest mass shootings in the United States.

Holmes is charged with multiple counts of murder and attempted murder in the shooting spree. **REUTERS**

9/11 statements

Supreme Court declines to hear professor's appeal

The Supreme Court yesterday declined to hear an appeal by a former university professor who was fired in the aftermath of controversial statements he made about the attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001.

The University of Colorado at Boulder fired Ward Churchill in 2007 following an investigation that found deficiencies and flaws in his academic work. **REUTERS**

White supremacist suspected in killings

The Texas arm of the Aryan Brotherhood is described as a gang responsible for murders, arson, assault and other crimes. / YOUTUBE

Quoted

"It seems to me that a scenario may be developing that the district attorney's office was investigating this gang, or another gang, and they wanted to prevent that investigation." U.S. Rep. Ted Poe

The Republican and veteran former judge and prosecutor in Texas told CNN his own suspicions centered on the Aryan Brotherhood.

Shootings. Texas governor warns officials to be safe after two killings.

Governor Rick Perry yesterday raised concern about the safety of Texas law enforcement officials as investigators searched for possible links between the killings of two Kaufman County prosecutors just two months apart.

Kaufman County District Attorney Mike McLelland and his wife, Cynthia, were discovered with fatal gunshot wounds at their home near Forney, Texas, on Saturday. McLelland had vowed to capture those who killed one of his assistants, Mark Hasse, on Jan. 31.

"I suggest everyone should be careful about what goes on, whether they're public officials or otherwise," Perry told reporters in the state capital, Austin. "This I think is a clear concern to individuals who are in public life, particularly those who deal with some very mean and vicious individuals, whether they're white supremacy groups or whether they're the drug cartels that we have."

The FBI, the Texas Rangers and other law enforcement groups were investigating the two homicides, Kaufman County Sheriff David Byrnes said.

When Hasse was killed, speculation immediately centered on the prison-based Aryan Brotherhood of Texas because that same day the U.S. Justice Department released a statement saying the Kaufman County District Attorney's Office was involved in a racketeering case against the white supremacist group. **REUTERS**

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Maduro speaks following a campaign rally. / JUAN BARRETO, AFP, GETTY IMAGES

Ghost of Chavez haunts election

Remnant. Weeks after his death, the socialist leader still leads national anthem.

The late president's recorded voice booms over rallies for his protege, acting President Nicolas Maduro, who stands under billboards of Chavez's face and waves to crowds carrying signs emblazoned with his name.

Maduro, who is favored to win a snap election triggered by Chavez's death last month, rarely misses a chance to lionize the man many Venezuelans know as El Comandante.

"All of the prophecies of Hugo Chavez, the prophet of Christ on this Earth, have come true," intoned Maduro at a rally celebrating the anniversary of the former president's release from jail for leading a failed 1992 coup.

"In eternity, or wherever you are, you must be proud because you left our people the greatest inheritance of all: a free and independent nation on the path toward socialism," he said of the man loved by supporters as a savior but excoriated by adversaries as a dictator.

Seeking to tap into the emotional outpouring following his death, Maduro's presidential campaign has put Chavez's image on nearly everything except the ballot. From thundering speeches celebrating Chavez's days as a leftist military conspirator to stories told in a low voice of his final days suffering from cancer, Maduro has made Chavez's ghost the centerpiece of his campaign. REUTERS

By the numbers

Polls show the 50-year-old former bus driver, whom Chavez named his successor, leading his challenger Henrique Capriles by at least 14 percentage points.

At arms

UN General Assembly to vote on arms trade treaty

The 193-nation U.N. General Assembly is tentatively planning to vote today on a draft treaty to regulate the $70 billion global trade in conventional arms. Iran, Syria and North Korea last week prevented a treaty drafting conference from reaching the required consensus. REUTERS

Casualties. Rights group: March worst month in Syria's war

March was the bloodiest month yet in Syria's two-year conflict, with more than 6,000 people killed, a third of them civilians, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said yesterday.

The group opposes President Bashar al-Assad but has monitored human rights violations on both sides of a revolt that began as peaceful protests but is now a war between Assad and an array of rebel militias. The group has documented 62,554 dead in the conflict. REUTERS

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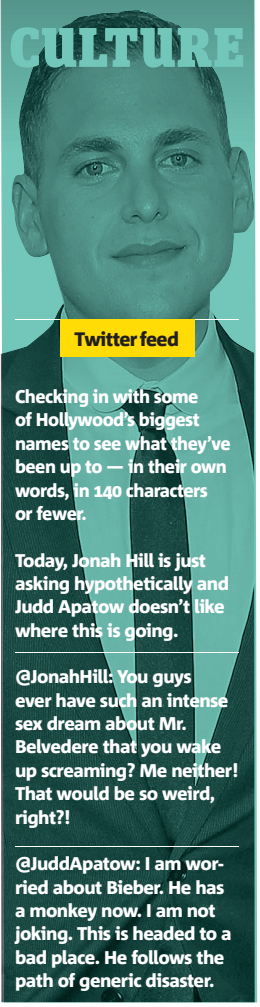

Twitter feed

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Jonah Hill is just asking hypothetically and Judd Apatow doesn't like where this is going.

@JonahHill: You guys ever have such an intense sex dream about Mr. Belvedere that you wake up screaming? Me neither! That would be so weird, right?!

@JuddApatow: I am worried about Bieber. He has a monkey now. I am not joking. This is headed to a bad place. He follows the path of generic disaster.

1 'Buckwild' Star Shain Gandee found dead

Shain Gandee, the former trash collector who found fame as the star of the MTV reality hit "Buckwild," was found dead along with his uncle and an unidentified person in a truck in West Virginia yesterday morning. Shain was last heard from around 3 a.m. on Sunday at a local bar, when he and his uncle told people they planned to go four-wheeling. The truck where they were found was stuck deep in mud, leading investigators to think the three died of carbon monoxide poisoning. "Our thoughts and prayers are with them," MTV said in a statement, saying Shain "touched everyone he met."

2 'Glee' star in rehab

"Glee" star Cory Monteith, 30, has "voluntarily admitted himself to a treatment facility," his representative told People magazine. The reason for the rehab stay is unspecified. He reportedly checked in Monday morning. Monteith plays Finn Hudson on the hit Fox series. His girlfriend and co-star on the series, Lea Michele, 26, gave the following quote to People: "I love and support Cory and will stand by him through this. I am grateful and proud he made this decision." Monteith has struggled with substance abuse in the past. In a 2011 interview with Parade magazine, he admitted to a rehab stay when he was just 19. "I burned a lot of bridges," he said. "I was out of control." At the time, he said he had a "serious problem" and was using "anything and everything, as much as possible." "Glee" is currently filming its latest season and has two more episodes left to shoot. Deadline Hollywood reports that filming will continue and Finn's absence will be explained through plotlines.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip

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3 Ticktock goes the Bieber

The clock is ticking on Justin Bieber's career, according to top music manager Peter Mensch, who reps acts like Metallica and the Red Hot Chili Peppers. "I don't know what Bieber's problem is. His career is over in three years anyway," Mensch tells the Sun. "I'd take Bieber to the woodshed and spank him."

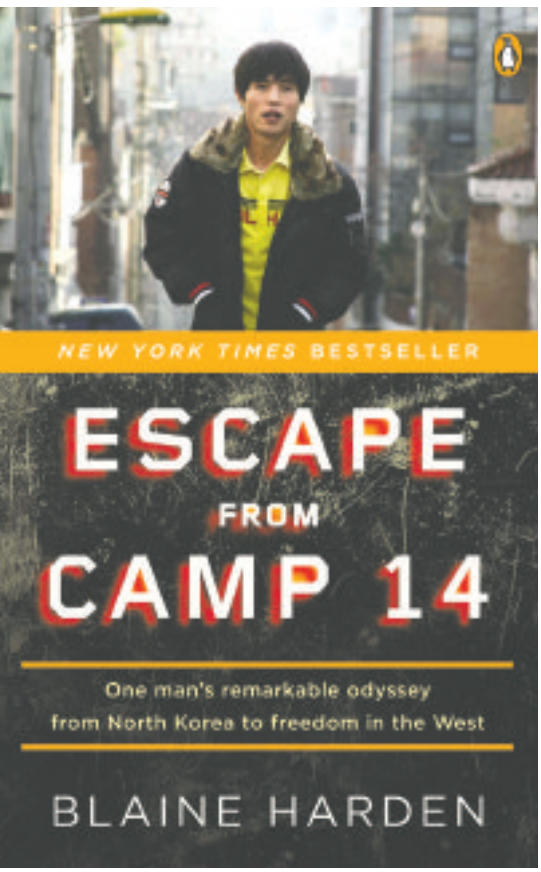
4 Rivers wants some hate mail

Joan Rivers is doubling down on criticisms of Adele's weight. Asked during a HuffPost Live chat about a joke she made at the singer's expense on the "Late Show with David Letterman," Rivers took it further. "It's not mean. She's a chubby lady who's very, very rich, and she should just calm down — or lose weight," Rivers replied. "She wanted an apology, so I took an ad out on her ass. I said, 'You are not fat.' And then I had room for a lot of other ads. Adele is beautiful and successful and has what, $100 million? Let's face reality: She's fat!"

5 Arnold and Maria: No drama

There didn't seem to be much tension between Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver when the separated couple sat down this weekend at an Easter brunch at a Santa Monica, Calif., restaurant with their children, according to E! News. Schwarzenegger has reportedly been dating another woman, Heather Milligan, since the fall. Milligan was not present at the family brunch.

From forced labor to eventual freedom



Books. "Escape From Camp 14" recounts one man's life of forced labor, abuse and eventual escape from North Korea.

Despite official denials of their existence, North Korea's political prison camps have been in operation for six decades, long enough for generations to have been born and raised within their electrified fences. In all that time, no one born inside the camps ever escaped — until Shin Dong-hyuk crawled over the body of a dead companion and though a hole in the fence in 2005.

Veteran foreign correspondent Blaine Harden told Shin's story on the front page of the Washington Post in 2008, hoping his harrowing tale would alert American readers largely ignorant of the camps' existence.

Veteran foreign correspondent Blaine Harden / BLAKE CHAMBLISS

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"The scars on his body ... [are] overwhelming, ghastly disfigurements."
Harden on Shin Dong-hyuk

"Shin's story is so powerful and has so many cinematic elements to it that it's very effective in catching people's interest," Harden says. "It became clear that his story was a way of reaching people who don't normally pay attention to foreign affairs or to North Korea."

That initial article grew into the bestselling book "Escape From Camp 14," which recounts Shin's life of forced labor and abuse at the hands of camp guards and his own family. It wasn't until they'd met more than a dozen times that Shin was able to reveal his deepest secret, however: his complicity in the execution of his mother and brother.

Following that confession, Harden was forced to re-examine Shin's story.

"As I thought it through, it increased his credibility from my point of view. There was no reason for him to tell this story that made him look so bad. And there's the evidence of the scars on his body; they're overwhelming, ghastly disfigurements."

Ideally, Harden says, accounts like those will increase pressure on North Korea to close the camps, which recent satellite imagery suggests are expanding. "I'm not optimistic that they are going to disappear," he admits. "But knowledge is better than ignorance, and Shin feels like all the misery that he went through has not been for nothing."

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"What I love about it is that I feel that it's age-appropriate for any age. It's like 'funky granny' — you mix it up, you mix it down."
Olowu

Acclaimed London-based designer Duro Olowu charmed fashion insiders with his mix-match of riotous prints and bold colors — inspired by his native Africa — and he's now bringing his eye for the dramatic to JCPenney for the store's first designer collaboration. The Nigerian-born talent created a collection true to his statement-making aesthetic, which includes accessories and home goods ranging from $10 to $100.

"I wanted to add an element of art and surrealism but in a really possible way," Olowu says. "Because I think the general public, which we're all a part of, need to be inspired. I need to be inspired." He tells us more about his spirited print-happy collaboration, sure to inspire your wardrobe choices all summer long.

What was your starting point for the collection?
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What was the design process like?
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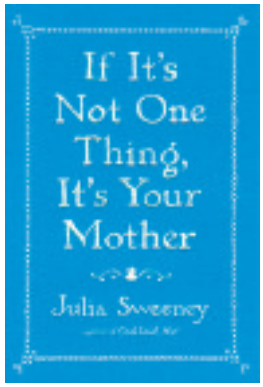
Julia Sweeney titled her new memoir after an embroidered pillow. / LAUREN TOPEL

Julia Sweeney titled her new memoir after a pillow embroidered with "If It's Not One Thing, It's Your Mother," given to her by her mom that Sweeney hated until she had a daughter — who now dislikes the pillow herself. The former "Saturday Night Live" ("It's Pat!") and Broadway ("God Said 'Ha!'") star writes about her long path to a nontraditional family with insight and warmth. Also, refreshingly candid humor: She received her adopted child, Mulan, in China, from a man who entered a crowded ballroom holding the baby aloft in the air, while a Muzak version of Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On" played from a boom box.

That must've been an overwhelming and complicated moment. Did you even register the humor of it at the time?
Yes! I was so fixated on it, that I missed some of the emotional moment. And that, I would say, is something I do.

You write about investigating your genealogy. How has adopting a child affected your thoughts about it?
I've been in conferences about it and they say, "In this room of 300 people, if you go back five generations, you'll have one person in common with all of you." You're related to everyone. It's terribly meaningful. And also completely meaningless. When I adopted Mulan, I felt like I had to not care about my family history. But then I realized, I do care. I just took my niece and nephew to the cemetery and said, "This is your great-grandfather." Mulan added, "And my great-grandfather." I replied, "Yes!" But then I thought, "Is it?" It's a gray area.



How does Mulan feel about being in your book?
Right now she likes it, but if we butt heads, she'll say, "And I will resent you for the rest of my days because you wrote that book."

Because of the book, does Mulan like the pillow more?
No! She still hates it. And I just looked at it and thought, I should put it in the next bag to Goodwill. Then I remembered, Oh no, but it's the pillow! I've infused it with all this meaning now. I guess I have to keep it.

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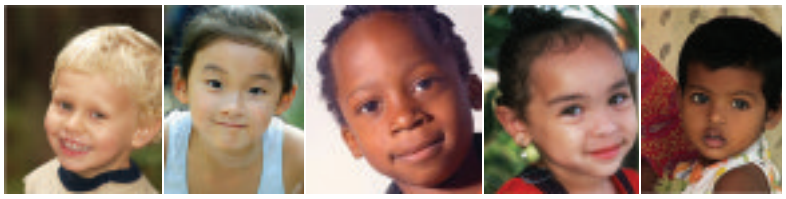

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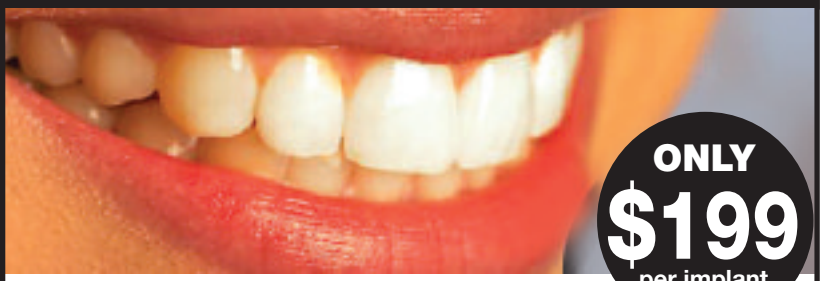

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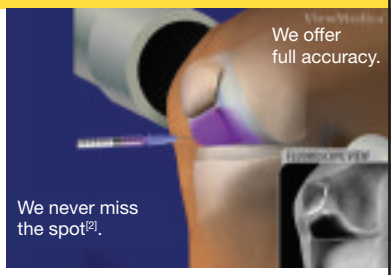

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♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. A potentially profitable endeavor that has been dormant for quite some time could become active, but you'll need to redesign it.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Don't get too closely involved with someone who has a dubious reputation. Take time to really find out what your partners are all about.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. If you're giving a price quote for a job or service, be sure your estimated cost is accurate.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. When required to manage a serious situation for another, don't treat it indifferently. If you make a mistake, everyone will pay.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. If you're not on top of things, someone might seize the reins and make a decision in his or her best interests, not yours.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Guard against an inclination to hold on to an idea long after it has proven to be unproductive.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Strive to be logical when making an assessment that would directly affect your financial position. Don't pin all your hopes on luck.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. In order to be a true leader, you must not be afraid to take charge of situations.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Several important objectives can be achieved today, provided you don't trip over your own feet.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Be careful, because a well-intentioned friend might offer you some advice that, if you treat it as gospel, could prove to be costly.

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

Celebs should be the stars of The Word

I love your section The Word — it's a treasure for me awaiting the last part of my commute after I've gotten through all the news and politics sections.

However, I miss all the pics of celebrities you used to put in there.

Do you think you could maybe make Dorothy Robinson's picture a bit smaller to fit in more Hollywood stars?

Don't get me wrong, you're beautiful, but I'd love to see more celebs. You used to have way more pieces on celebs. Just a thought.

LAURA KRAMER, VIA EMAIL

First, I really like your newspaper, but the big picture of Dorothy Robinson in The Word page is just creepy and it takes a lot of space that can be filled with more entertainment news.

RICHARD RUBIN, VIA EMAIL

If you can't beat 'em, join 'em!

I've been convinced not to worry about not getting health insurance. Essentially I can continue to spend my discretionary money on organic foods and stay healthy as long as I can. If I get seriously ill, I can buy health insurance because they must accept you for any pre-existing condition. Best of all, the IRS can only collect the fines you get for not having health insurance by holding back your refunds. Just don't overpay your taxes and you have beaten Obamacare and helped Obama destroy the nation. It's like buying car insurance after you wrecked your car! I want to make my leader happy. As they say: "If you can't beat them, join them!"

JOSEPH DUPONT, VIA EMAIL

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Keep them a brief as possible, preferably under 100 words. Metro reserves the right to edit all letters. Please include your name and contact info.

Crossword

Across

1 Bathrobe tie
5 Huffs and puffs
10 Military cap
14 "Cool Hand —"
15 Seize power
16 — — for keeps
17 Falco or McClurg
18 Mrs. Eisenhower
19 Finish a jacket
20 Longings
22 Ramble
24 Bonfire remains
25 Funny Foxx
26 Scolds (2 wds.)
30 Physicist — Newton
35 Intention
36 Previously
37 Comedian — Radner
38 Accurate
41 Got a whiff
43 Placed the same ad
44 Yvette's date
45 Prehistoric
46 Romantic interlude
47 Erode (2 wds.)
50 Fits to — —
53 Incite Rover
54 Bankrupt (hyph.)
58 Kissed quickly
62 Unhurried gait
63 Kind of tactics
66 Unctuous
67 Motels of yore
68 Panmunjom site
69 Ballet lake
70 Discreet summons
71 Pancake order
72 Antler prong

Down

1 Lots and lots
2 Autobahn vehicle
3 Slalom gear
4 Laugh rudely
5 Private eyes
6 White — — ghost
7 "Cogito ergo —"
8 Second to none
9 Expedite
10 Potter's oven
11 Oklahoma town
12 Resin source
13 Livy's route
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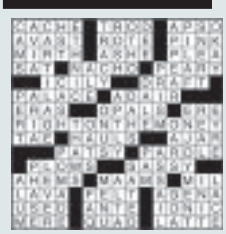

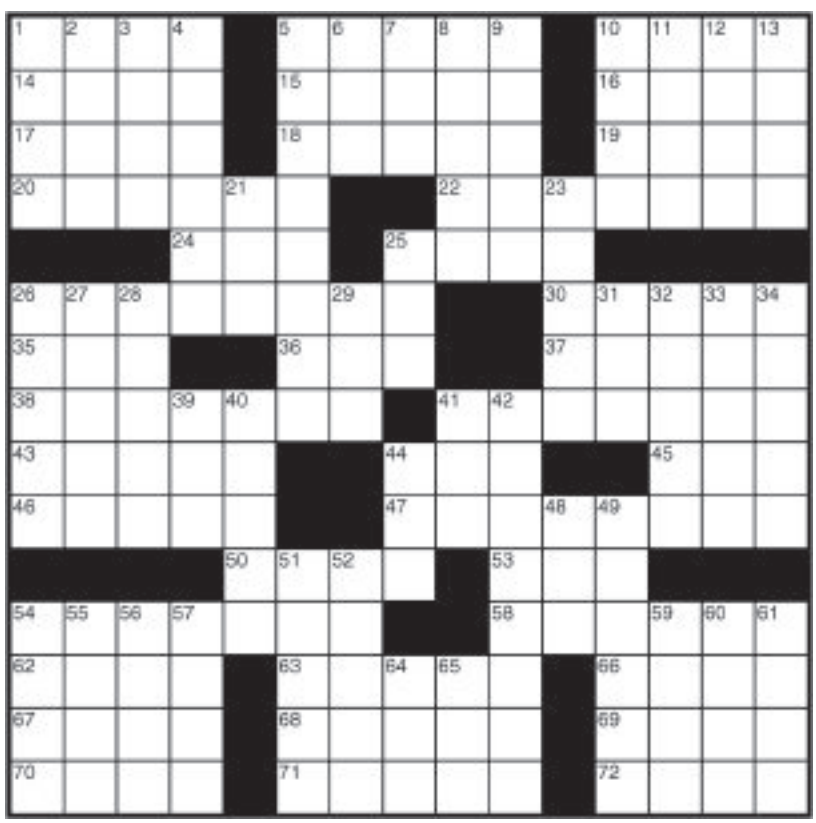

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Where to eat in Las Vegas now

The city's restaurant scene changes by the week, with newcomers vying for visitors' attention with the latest flavors. Here are the hottest places right now.

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Gordon Ramsay Pub & Grill opened in January in Las Vegas. / BRYAN STEFFY, GETTY IMAGES

Gordon Ramsay Pub & Grill

This is the celebrity chef's take on an English pub experience at Caesars Palace. The restaurant is a two-in-one, with different menus and uniforms on the pub and grill sides.

On the grill side, you'll find Scottish salmon, lamb T-bone and Irish beef cheek stew. The pub features classic Brit fare like Scotch eggs, pork and duck rillettes, and a British version of a slider. The uniforms are also of note — they were created by a "Mad Men" assistant costume designer.

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Andrea's

The nightclub-meets-restaurant Andrea's dubs itself a "vibe dining" scene. Inside you'll find decor resembling something out of "2001: A Space Odyssey." Cognacs, pearls and gold all find a home here among private dining pods and velvet sofas. A terrace overlooks Surrender Nightclub's outdoor space.

Within the exhibition kitchen, Joseph Elevado serves up family-style Asian dishes such as crispy crab and scallop, truffled ponzu rock shrimp tempura, and wagyu sliders. For more standard fare, look for shellfish on ice, dim sum pot stickers, dumplings, and scallion pancakes that can be paired with salads, noodles and fried rice.

Kate Upton and chef Joseph Elevado at Andrea's grand opening. DENISE TRUSCELLO, WIREIMAGE

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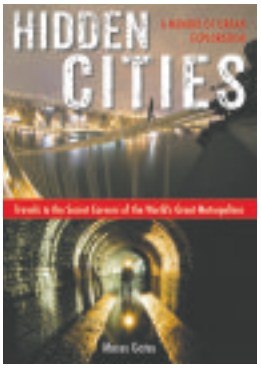
MOSES GATES

The author takes us on his urban exploratory adventures in "Hidden Cities." Some are insane, some introspective, others illegal — but all of his stories of travel will motivate you to meander off the grid.

NEVER MIND THE GAP

Moses Gates has friends in very high places, the lowest of low places and everywhere in between. Part of a close-knit network of urban explorers, he has climbed the Notre Dame Cathedral, surveyed the depths of the Parisian catacombs, braved playing frogger in metro systems the world over — and lived to tell the tales in his memoir "Hidden Cities." Not without some ego – he boasts membership to an exclusive club of daredevils who've had sex on top of bridges — and not without breaking the law, the city planner admits that it's the unplanned moments that make for fantastic voyages. We ask him about fear factors, factory tourism and Facebook.

For more information on Gate's adventures, visit www.mosesgates.com. / TOM AKERMAN



People often seek to travel "off the beaten path." But you do a lot of traveling where there's no actual path to begin with. What's the draw?
Places are popular for a reason. The problem with tourism isn't the places you're going to, it's the way that tourism is conducted. The more people that travel to a place, the more it becomes commodified, which leads to it being more expensive, controlled and cynical. The places are still amazing — the Roman Coliseum, for example — but if you go to the Coliseum in Tunisia, where "Gladiator" was filmed, it's just as incredible a monument, but there's less tourists, there's not a subway stop there — it's a different experience.

Most of the adventuring you describe in the book, you didn't do alone. But what if you go to a place where you have no connections? How would you navigate a city solo?
I run into a bunch of great characters while traveling and I love writing them, but I would say two-thirds of the time I'm alone. If you're on the backpacker trail, it's easy to find people to go around with. One of the tricks I always used is that in every hostel or backpacker bar, there's always an extrovert. Sometimes they're fun, sometimes they're jerks, but always attach yourself to that person for two reasons: 1, That person always talks to the locals; 2, That person almost never has any actual ideas, they just get into things. That's one of the ways to do it. Getting invested in a subculture is another. Start forming a network; it's so easy to do with the Internet. Mine happened to be urban exploration, but it could be anything.

In terms of safety and legality, do you have advice for people who might be inspired after reading your book to go, say, climb a pyramid?
I'm always a proponent of going where you want to go, doing what you want to do. I never worry about getting hurt or dying. I'm never stressed about the danger part, because I'm a good climber, I know how subway tunnels work and how to not get hit. But I'm always terrified of getting caught. It's more random, and you have less control over it. Everybody has their own risk tolerance. The key is to know what yours is and push it a little bit.

You acknowledge in the book that here's an inherent egotism that comes with traveling off the grid. What keeps you humble?
I know so many people who do much more badass s— than me. I love what we do and what I do, but we're not curing cancer, we're not jumping from outer space, we're not Sir Edmund Hillary or anything — we just probably push the envelope more than your average traveler. We're skilled hobbyists. I just see myself as a person who is curious and had a period in life where he was fairly risk-adverse and wanted to find it. If urban exploration was a baseball game, I'm like a solid journeyman utility infielder that is lucky enough to play on the 1927 Yankees.

There's a tendency now when vacationing to document everything, to get pleasure from showing others what a pleasurable experience we're having. How do you think social media affects the way we travel?
I tweet all the goddamn time; I post a million photos on Facebook. Everybody likes to share stories. Is taking a photo of your dinner and putting it on Facebook that different from having a conversation about dinner? [Social media] is just a different mechanism. What you have to ask yourself is, are you really doing something for the story or because you want to do it? It's the times when you find something you weren't looking for because you're out being curious that are the best moments, not the ones that you try for.

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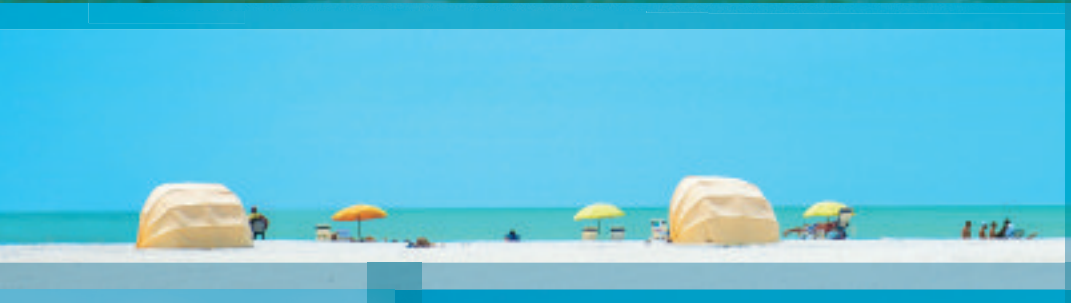

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New start

Flynn traded to Raiders

Matt Flynn never got to a play a down in Seattle after signing a three-year, $26 million deal last offseason. Now he'll get to start anew in Oakland. The Raiders traded two late-round picks for the 27-year-old quarterback, who was beat out by rookie Russell Wilson. Oakland is expected to try to unload incumbent starter Carson Palmer, possibly to Arizona.

Man-u down

Ginobili to miss time

The No. 1 team in the West was dealt a post-season blow yesterday when it was announced Manu Ginobili will be out for three to four weeks. The guard pulled his right hamstring March 29 against the Clippers and missed Sunday's game against the Heat. Now it looks like his off-time will eat into at least the first round of the playoffs, which begins April 20.

Youkilis, Yankees fight frustrating season debut

Opening Day. The season starts with frustration as the Yankees' opener ends with a thud in the Bronx.

Over the past eight years, Kevin Youkilis had hundreds of significant at-bats for the Red Sox. His first important at-bat with the Yankees ended with him lightly slamming his helmet to the ground.

The reaction was caused by a fruitless at-bat with two on and two out in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Youkilis's strikeout was one of 10 accumulated by the Yankees during a season-opening 8-2 loss to the Red Sox.

"After two walks that inning where it looked like we might get something going, it ended up with three strikeouts in a row, and that probably was the other difference in the game," manager Joe Girardi said.

Youkilis' day began with a decent hand in introductions and a few of the "Youk" calls previously heard at Fenway Park. It continued with him leading off the fourth inning by doubling to center to cap an eight-pitch at-bat.

"It was cool," Youkilis said. "It was great. Yankee Stadium is a place where people dream to come play at. It was very enjoyable to go out there and it stunk in the end to come up short, but this a great place to play. We just didn't play the best ball possible today to win the game."

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The Yankees line up along the first baseline during pregame festivities on Opening Day 2013.
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'Scrappy' Mets earn big opening win

Collin Cowgill, center, is greeted at home after his grand slam.
MIKE STOBE, GETTY IMAGES

David Wright had to think when asked what attribute would best describe his team in a Sunday morning press conference.

After a moment, he settled on "scrappy."

There was nothing aesthetically pleasing about the Mets' 11-2 Opening Day win over the Padres at Citi Field yesterday. Instead, the crowd witnessed was more than a three-hour ode to fundamental baseball.

Opening nerves

The Mets were all smiles after the win, but don't let the impressive — and composed — 6 2/3 innings from first-time Opening Day starter Jon Niese fool you.

- **"The adrenaline was pumping, I'm not going to lie," Niese said.** "As far as the anxiety, it really wasn't much."

The Mets improved to an MLB-best 34-18 on Opening Day with an offensive attack that plated 11 runs on 13 hits. The Mets finished the afternoon 7-for-14 with runners in scoring position. Seven players recorded at least one RBI, and five others recorded at least one two-out RBI.

Colin Cowgill set a career high in RBI with four, all coming in the seventh with his two-out grand slam. **DENIS GORMAN**

The kid

Harper bombs key Nats win

Bryce Harper wasted no time announcing his presence.

He homered in his first two at-bats as part of a 2-0 Nats win over Miami. Stephen Strasburg pitched seven innings. **METRO**

Cubs win

Samardzija earns wins

It's hard to imagine Opening Day going much better for Cubs No. 1 Jeff Samardzija.

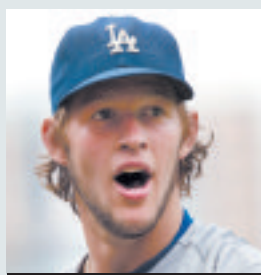
Samardzija went eight shutout innings and struck out nine in a 3-1 win over the Pirates. **METRO**

Champs down

Kershaw steps up vs. Giants

The defending champions couldn't withstand the best lefty in MLB.

Clayton Kershaw led the Dodgers to a 4-0 win over the Giants, pitching a complete game. **METRO**



Kershaw won the Cy Young in 2011 and finished second last year. / GETTY IMAGES

Sale-ing away

Sale earns White Sox win

The Florida Gulf Coast momentum is carrying over to baseball.

FGCU alum Chris Sale pitched 7 2/3 shutout innings to give the White Sox a 1-0 win over Kansas City. **METRO**

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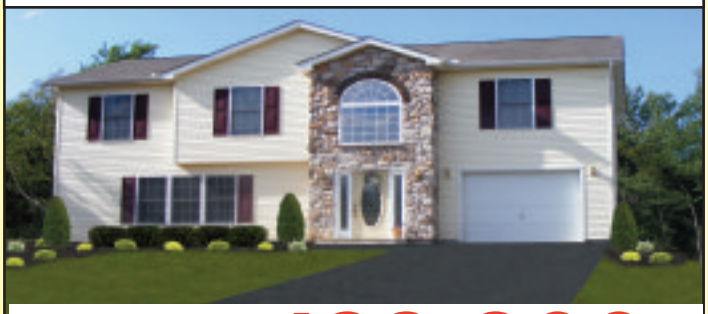

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